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Sumatran Elephant Conservation & Welfare

RWE supports the protection and captive welfare of the Critically Endangered Sumatran Elephant at the Conservation Response Unit (CRU) Tangkahan. Through ongoing support and education RWE has been able to successfully develop a greater awareness and understanding of captive elephant welfare. Raw supports CRU Tangkahan to continue elephant patrols to monitor activities in the Gunung Leseur National Park as well as employing them for eco-tourism activities.

Programs that Raw has funded include:

- *Mahout English Speaking Programme* – RWE ensured that the mahouts were trained in Basic English Language, so they could converse with the guests when they were participating in elephant activities. Mahouts can now engage guests with further conservation education facts.
- *Elephant Conservation Garden* – A 1ha Elephant Conservation Garden was financed to provide the elephants with additional food resources and educate local schools in sustainable farming techniques. This three year program has just finished and is looking at finding land to transfer this program to another site.
- *Skill Exchange Programme* – Mahouts have had the opportunity to develop skills with elephant keepers at Australian Zoos. Mahouts learn modern day elephant captive and welfare management

Donors are encouraged to support our elephant food program by contributing towards land lease purchase.



'Hand in Hand' Community Programs



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RWE has implemented a number of key community programmes to help locals develop skills; improve sustainable eco-concepts whilst supporting local employment and education.

- *Higher Education*- Scholarships are awarded to students who do not have financial resources to continue further education. All students must come from the local village region within Tangkahan, where higher education is uncommon. Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with University STIM Medan, RWE has been able to support a higher education programme for students to continue study via a scholarship application process. RWE has provided three 4 year scholarships for Eco-tourism Management, Finance Management and Tourism. RWE is looking at providing additional scholarships in the near future.
- *Mapala 'Students for Nature Lovers'* - A group of 25 students from STIM University Medan have begun MAPALA Student Youth Group. It is aimed at introducing city students to the natural environments like Tangkahan and encourages them to become involved in conserving these regions. RWE funded very successful workshops where a number of key education programs were delivered to the MAPAL group. These students will be providing ongoing support to the local community initiatives including the interpretative design for the Litter and Waste Management Programme.
- *Waste Management* – The Implementation of a Litter and Waste Management Programme promotes sustainable eco-tourism concepts and the education of the local community and tourists about waste disposal. Four local community members are employed to collect and sort rubbish and create organic compost. A leader of the program is also employed to manage this program and ensure the strategic direction is followed and implemented. The local community can use the compost on the surrounding community gardens. Un-organic rubbish such as plastic is sold back to the manufacturers to be recycled.
- *Local Employment* – RWE employs local community members to deliver all the tourism experiences outlined in the RWE travel itineraries. RWE Indonesia is a small team consisting of a Communication Officer, Project Manager and two highly experienced guides. All are from the Tangkahan District.

Donors are encouraged to support one of the above programmes. RWE staff can provide further information on each programme and explain what communications you will receive.



Sumatran Orangutan Conservation

Raw works in partnership with Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Programme (SOCP) and Australian Orangutan Project (AOP) to help protect the Critically Endangered Sumatran Orangutan. A number of key projects RWE has financially supported include:

- *Orangutan Baby House*- RWE has financially supported SOCP to build a new orangutan baby house at their North Sumatran Quarantine Centre. Due to the influx of baby orangutans, facilities needed to be improved and upgraded. Orangutans are confiscated from people and placed through a schooled learning process until they are finally released back into safe forests.
- *Tripa Swamp Project* – RWE contributed financially to the PanEco Tripa Swamp Project in West Aceh to help purchase an educational bus. This will be used to inform the local communities of the value in their natural assets. It will help to empower them to lobby key palm oil companies and to develop sustainable agricultural practices as an alternative income. It is an extremely important region as it holds the largest population of the endangered orangutan. Three major palm oil companies are looking at this land with a view to clear it and establish palm oil plantations. RWE is proud to be a part of the solution to protect the biodiversity of this ecologically rich area.



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- *Orangutan Quarantine Cages* – RWE has financially supported SOCP to build new quarantine cages for the orangutans that need to be placed under quarantine before they are released back into the wild.
- *Australian Orangutan Project (AOP)* – RWE contributes all conservation levy money from AOP members who book with RWE Adventures back towards AOP Projects. RWE in collaboration with AOP, helps supports the key conservation strategies in helping protect orangutans and their habitat from extinction.
- *Orangutan Islands* – RWE is currently seeking funds to build and purchase 5 islands which will become a sanctuary for non-releasable orangutans. These orangutans will become ambassadors for their species, providing a means to educate local and international visitors.

Contributing towards RWE Orangutan Conservation Programmes will help secure orangutan habitat and protect our wild cousin from extinction. A monetary gift can be personally allocated towards our priority program. Our current priority program is **Orangutan Islands**.



CONSERVATION TARGETS FOR 2011 - 2012



'Hand in Hand' Community Programmes

Higher Education Scholarships
Target: \$12K

Litter & Waste Management Programme
Target: \$5K



Sumatran Orangutan Conservation

Orangutan Island Development
Target: \$80K



Sumatran Elephant Programme

Elephant Garden redevelopment and land purchase.

Target: \$10K



PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION

